



Plan-O-Gram California Department of Aging May 2006

Hello, Everyone!

This month's issue has many valuable resources so be sure and read the whole Plan-O-Gram!

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Monthly Articles and Websites

Transportation

Following up on last month's article about the "*Executive Summary, Seniors Benefit from Transportation Coordination Partnerships-A Toolbox, Promising Practices From the Aging Network,*" this month we would like to provide information and a link to the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

The Act provides for guaranteed funding for highways, highway safety, and public transportation and is the "largest surface transportation investment in our Nation's history." Please go to <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/safetealu/> for more information.

Innovative Senior Center

In Guin, Marion County in the State of Alabama they have developed a unique Senior Center that is a one-of-a-kind in the United States. Please go to <http://www.governorpress.alabama.gov/pr/pr-2006-03-07-01-firstsafectrseniorecitizens.asp>. to read more about this Senior Center.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Elder information

The National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce has information about LGBT elders and the community. This issue is especially pertinent to the issues surrounding the emerging Baby Boomer population. Please go to <http://www.thetaskforce.org/theissues/issue.cfm?issueID=24> for more information.

Helping the Elderly Homeless

This link provides information from around the United States about programs helping the elderly homeless. According to one of the articles this is a growing problem in large, urban areas with expensive housing. In addition to the elderly homeless who have a history of drug abuse, mental illness or other problems that have contributed to their homelessness, the cities are now seeing elderly who have worked all their lives and are not able to afford the local housing market. http://www.servingseiors.org/pdf/FEAT_HomelessSeniors_V4N5.pdf#search='homeless%20seniors

Geographic and Information Systems (GIS)

For those of you interested in learning about using GIS to map, analyze and assist with planning, you will want to visit the following website: <http://www.esri.com/index.html> Although this site contains information about purchasing a GIS, you can also try out some of the tools free of charge that are available with a GIS.



Area Plan Update News

Now that you have completed your Area Plan Update, are there areas of the Guidance that you think need changing? Please email Kathleen at khendic@aging.ca.gov if you have suggestions.



Aging Network Planning Academy

The date for next year's Academy seminar has not been decided. We will keep you informed about the progress of the development of next year's agenda for the seminar.



Due Dates

Area Plan Update: May 1, 2006
Year-End Report August 31, 2006



Frequently Asked Questions

1. From the March 29, 2006 Planners Conference call:

Can the Baby Boomer Appendix XII be optional this year? (Area Plan Update 2006-07)

No. The Appendix XII is required for the Update. CDA has received inquiries about statewide plans for serving the Baby Boomer population and this Appendix will assist CDA to provide that information.

Note: For an excellent example of planning for the Baby Boomer population please go to the PSA 31 website for their Baby Boomer survey. You can access their website through the CDA website at www.aging.ca.gov, then click Services and Programs in the left hand column. Click on Area Agencies on Aging and then Merced.

2. Where can I find the Area Plan Guidance on the CDA website?

Answer: The Guidance is available on the CDA website under AAA Partners at <http://www.aging.ca.gov/>.

3. Does the CDA website contain links to the Older Americans Act, the California Code of Regulations, and the Code of Federal Regulations?

Answer: Yes, the link is <http://www.aging.ca.gov/html/regs/lawsandregs.html>
To print the full text of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 1321 follow these directions:

- Go to CDA's webpage www.aging.ca.gov
- Click Laws and Regulations
- Click on the GPO Webpage
- Type "45CFR1321"
- Print the next to the last item, #49, which is CFR Part 1321 Grants to State and Community Programs on Aging.

4. Where can I find the California Department of Aging State Plan?

Answer: The State Plan can be found on the CDA website under Featured Links on the right hand side of the screen (www.aging.ca.gov).



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